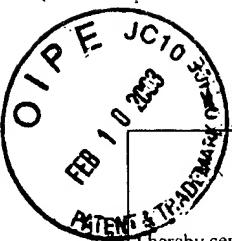


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 9, 2002 (Paper No. 26), for which a response was due on January 9, 2003. A petition and fee for a one-month extension of time are enclosed herewith, extending the due date to February 9, 2003. Because February 9 falls on a Sunday, the due date is Monday, February 10, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.